

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are all the claims pending in the application. New claim 7 has been added.

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for the following reasons:

- 1) Claim 1, line 9, recited the limitation “three axes of coloring amounts”. What are the amounts?
- 2) Claim 2, line 13 recites the limitation “three axes of coloring amounts”. What are the amounts?
- 3) Claim 6 refers to “the value”. There is no antecedent for this term. Also, “the exterior point” is recited but there is no antecedent for this term. Finally, the term “reproduction area” is recited, but there is no antecedent for this term.
- 4) With respect to claims 1 and 2, the preamble is unclear.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 to address the Examiner’s 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections. Therefore, claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully submits, however, that claim 6 has proper antecedent basis and does not require claim amendments. Claim 6 is recited below, with emphasis added:

The color chart of claim 1, wherein the color chart provides **a value for an exterior point** located outside **a reproduction area** and where *the value* is based on a correlation between *the exterior point* and *the reproduction area*.

Applicant notes that in claim 6 “**a value**” is the antecedent for “the value”; “**an exterior point**” is the antecedent for “the exterior point”; and “**a reproduction area**” is the antecedent for “the reproduction area” have proper antecedent basis.

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Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified terms of claim 6 have proper antecedent basis, and thus, claim 6 is in condition for allowance too.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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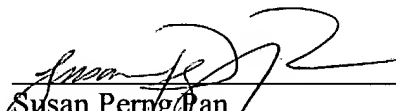
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